

Work Task F3:	Small Mammal Colonization of Restoration Sites
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Purpose:	Monitor small mammal populations within restored habitats.
Conservation Measures:	MRM2
Long-term Goals:	Development of protocols for monitoring small mammal populations within restoration sites. Data will be used in the adaptive management process to design habitat for covered mammal species.
FY05 Estimate:	Estimated FY05 costs are approximately \$45,000 for Reclamation staff, travel, per diem, and equipment.
Project Description:	The Colorado River cotton rat and Yuma hispid cotton rat are covered species under the LCR MSCP and have habitat acres listed as a restoration goal within the HCP. The desert pocket mouse is listed as an evaluation species. Reclamation will conduct presence/absence surveys in restoration demonstration and habitat creation sites to determine small mammal occurrence. These data will be used to design habitat restoration for these species.